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TAGS: PINS, GR
SUBJECT: GERMAN WRITER SENTENCED TO FOURTEEN MONTHS
IMPRISONMNET

REF: ATHENS A-130, MAY 15, 1974

1. GERMAN WRITER, GUENTER WALLRAFF, ARRESTED BY ATHENS POLICE MAY 10 (REF AIRGRAM) WAS CONVICTED BY ATHENS SPECIAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL MAY 23 FOR DISSEMINATION ANTI-REGIME LEAFLETS AND SENTENCED TO 14 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT. WHILE GREEK-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER TO VIMA MAY 24 MERELY CARRIED SHORT BACK-PAGE STORY OF CONVICTION, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ATHENS NEWS SAME DAY REPORTED THAT WALLRAFF IS APPEALING THE SENTANCE AND IS ALSO APPLYING FOR HIS RELEASE ON BAIL PENDING APPEAL HEARING.

2. COMMENT: ONE FRG EMBOFF TOLD US THAT HIS EMBASSY DOING "EVERYTHING POSSIBLE" FOR ITS NATIONAL, AND THAT CASE WOULD "HAVE CERTAIN IMPLACTION FOR GERMAN PUBLIC OPINION." A SECOND FRG EMBOFF COMMENTED TO OUR EMBOFF THAT FEELING IN HIS EMBASSY IS THAT "WALLRAFF BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST." SAME OFFICER ALSO FEELS PESSIMISTIC
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AS TO OUTCOME OF APPEAL. HE FURTHER REPORTED THAT WALLRAFF

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"WAS ROUGHED UP A BIT" DURING ARREST BUT THAT HE SUBSEQUENTLY
WAS TREATED QUITE WELL DURING DETENTION, AND THAT HE
CURRENTLY IN KORYDALLOS PRISON IN ATHENS AREA.
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